

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Original) A waterproof structure that is provided on a device, comprising:

5 a waterproof member that is interposed between a first member and a second member and is put in close contact with the first member and the second member by elastic deformation, thereby effecting waterproofing,

10 wherein the waterproof member is a pipe that is formed by extrusion-molding a material with elasticity and anti-permeation properties, terminal-end faces of the pipe are disposed to be opposed to each other with their centers being aligned, and the pipe is extended by pressure that acts when the first member and the second member are engaged or attached to each other, whereby the terminal-end faces of the pipe are brought into close contact with each other and waterproofing is effected.

2. (Currently Amended) The waterproof structure according to claim 1, wherein the waterproof member is formed by extrusion-molding a rubber or a resin, and the waterproof member has one of a perfect circular shape, a rectangular shape, a 5 polygonal shape and an oval shape in a cross-section perpendicular to a longitudinal direction of the pipe.

3. (Currently Amended) The waterproof structure according to claim 1, wherein the pipe has terminal-end faces at both ends, the waterproof structure includes a groove as a grooved portion that is formed in the first member in an annular shape, and a 5 projection portion that is formed on the second member for engagement with the groove; [,] and

wherein the pipe is fitted in the groove as the grooved portion such that the terminal-end faces of the pipe are opposed to each other at a distance with their centers being aligned, and 10 the pipe is extended along the groove as the grooved portion when an outer peripheral surface of the pipe is pressed by engagement between the first member and the second member, whereby the terminal-end faces of the pipe are brought into close contact with each other.

Claim 4 (Canceled).

5. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) The waterproof structure according to claim 2, wherein an annular groove as a grooved portion is formed in the first member, the pipe is fitted in the groove, and terminal-end portions of the pipe are disposed to be adjacent to each other with their centers being made 5 parallel; [,]

wherein a projection portion, which is engaged engageable with the groove ~~as the grooved portion~~, is formed on the second member, [[,]] and

10 when a pressure is applied to an outer periphery of the pipe by engagement between the first member and the second member, the pipe is brought into close contact with the first member and the second member and side faces of the terminal-end portions of the pipe are brought into close contact with each other, thereby
15 effecting waterproofing.

Claim 6 (Canceled).

7. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) The waterproof structure according to claim 1, wherein the pipe has terminal-end faces at both ends, the first member has a U-groove that is formed in an annular shape, and the second member has a flat surface which
5 opposes the first member;

wherein the pipe is disposed in the U-groove such that the terminal-end faces of the pipe are opposed to each other at a distance with their centers being aligned, and the pipe extends along the U-groove when the pipe is pressed as the first member
10 and the second member are made to contact each other, whereby the terminal-end faces of the pipe are brought into close contact with each other.

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8. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) The waterproof structure according to claim 1, wherein the pipe has terminal-end faces at both ends, the first member and the second member have U-grooves, each with an annular shape, which are formed to face each other; and [,]

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wherein the pipe is disposed in the U-grooves such that the terminal-end faces of the pipe are opposed to each other at a distance with their centers being aligned, and the pipe is extended along the U-grooves when an outer periphery of the pipe is pressed by as the first member and the second member are made to contact each other, whereby the terminal-end faces of the pipe are brought into close contact with each other.